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### Canadian Farm Lands

A SMASHING blow has been dealt to land speculation which, during recent years, has attained proportions so alarming to the American Bankers' Association that for more than a year systematic efforts have been made to discourage it. The announcement of the Canadian Pacific railway that in the future it will sell its lands in western Canada only to bona fide settlers and those who will improve them has importance both befide settlers and those who will im-prove them has importance both be-cause the C. P. R. is one of the big-gest landowners on the continent and because other large land owners will be forced to follow its example. Hankers regard this as a material gain in the improvement of land op-

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At conventions of the Bankers' Association various plans have been discussed for checking the investments in land; because under American banking laws land was not a liquid asset. But investigations have shown that in the case of the myriad of smaller investments the possessors of a surplus looked upon the ownership of land as the most profitable investment for it. The purchasers of large tracts for colonizing, however, required loans to finance their operations and their purchases were in a different catagory.

The unsold lands of the Canadian Pacific in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia which will be withdrawn from sale to speculators under the new policy of the company, total some 7,000,000 acres. The middleman hereafter will be dispensed with in the colonization of the regions where these lands are located. The company will sell all of its land direct to settlers instead of making only part of their sales to men who will add the unnecessary labor to soil fertility to produce the desired result of wealth. The company and the buyer will divide the

profits which have heretofore been made by the speculator.

In eliminating the land speculator, the terms of payment were made twenty years instead of ten years and the company's decision, it was frankly stated on authority of President Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, philanthropic in its liberality to settlers because all aid to their success, it has been found, is profitable. Loans of \$2,000 for farm development at six per cent for twenty years will be made by the company. Livestock, buildings, free service of expert agriculturists at the demonstration farms of the company will be supplied, but no land will be sold except to those who will occupy or improve it.

Bitter complaint from large colonizing companies, it is said, will be made against this beginning of a movement to give the settler a part of the speculator's profits. In the United States, even in irrigation projects in the Carey Act, large tracts of land passed into new ownership before the process of colonizing was attempted, and the difference between the price paid by the buyer of the large tracts and the price paid by the man who went out with his family and farming implements to get a living and fortune if possible, has been notoriously large. Fortunes have been made there, by some of the speculators if not by the settlers.

The announcement of the change of policy by the Canadian Pacific centained the following attement: "The seven million acres of the company's unsold land are withdrawn from purchase by speculators. In future the lands will be sold only to actual settlers, on terms which for practical philanthropy have never before been equalled by a responsible corporation. Heretofore land has been sold on a ten year installment basis. These terms now have been extended to twenty years."

# Old Daddy Long-legs

PROBABLY no insect in treated by treated by the ordinary ob-server with less respect than Dad-dy Longlege; and his good-natured readiness to leave

h is good-natured readiness to leave various legs as souvenirs with those who handle him adds nothing to his personal dignity nor his good standing in society.

His short snatches of flight across the grass are not remarkable for grace, and he possesses neither the personal attractions of the butterfly, the terrific aspect of the spider, nor the glaring imperfections of the blue-bottle.

Daddy Longlegs' figure is rather more blunt and corpulent than that that of madam his wife, and among his thirty different tribes only three do serious damage to beets, cabbages, potatoes is a wint and grass-lands. The females are said to lay their eggs as



they fly, and are sometimes literally stuffed full, carry-ing as many as three hundred at a three hundred at a
time, a fact which
ought to cause
Topknot to blush
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her boastful cackle and one-egg-a-day cleverness.

The larvae are footless things, with black heads and excellent jaws, and change to pupae from August to September. They are furnished with spiny rings, which enable them to work their way to the surface of the ground, and when their emerging time comes, thousand of empty cases may be seen sticking half out of the earth among the grass.

The tongue is a queer specimen of the blowfly order, and on each side of its entire surface of a thick, fieshy cushion.

Old Daddy Longlegs is such a funny fellow to look at that he always makes you laugh.

# Saint Fourtherjuly

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him—though he ought to be meat for the crows."

Stripping off the Mexican's em-broidered jacket, he threw it to Isa-bella, who gladly drew it over her half-protected bosom; while Harris, with the same cord Manzanares had brought for Isabella's wrists, tied the overseer's hands behind his back. Then taking the Mexican's carved leather belt, the soldier strapped his feet. Then Harris flung Manzanares' gun far into a swampy hollow, while gun far into a swampy hollow, while the hounds, tired with their run, blinked dreamily. They lay watching

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with the same composure they showed later on when their master awoke to fury and dismay, raving vainly to the echoing forest that took no thought of him; except to punish him with heat, thirst and stringing files. But that night, secure in Texastwo fugitives, well feel, well clothed, lay awake, too happy to sleep, and prayed blessings on Saint Fourther-july.

As to Fourtherjuly—he slept; but his dreams were all of a lovely, im-ploring face, of darkly beautiful eyes, and of a sliken maze of cloudy hair.



